

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 15 October 2018

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 15 October 2018

Summary of reasons for decision:

The CGI image depicts a man involving a child in sexual activity. It is classified objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The exploitative effect is not diminished in any way by the computer generated format. The image has been created for the sexual arousal of adults with an interest in children which has the effect of normalising and legitimising children as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support s3(2) criteria are deemed objectionable. The classification also reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.